Ganga-nagar, on what charge, I do not know. He has suffered mental and physical torture is Pakistan and now he is in the jail of Ganganagar. Will the hon. Minister intervene?

SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA: The same thing happened on the Gujarat border. Some detainees were released on the border. We do not know what happened to them.

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: This is a suggestion for action—whether we would intervene in the matter. I would definitely look into the specific case. I do not have the information now. But I will write to the hon. Member.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, letters received by members of the families from the prisoners in Pakistan jails reveal that the conditions in Pakistan jails are very inhuman. What action has the Government taken in this regard to redress their grievances?

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: I would not like them to experience at any time the conditions in Pakistan jails. We want them to be released. We have been working in this direction.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Sir, 942 persons are in Pakistant jails. That shows the total failure of our diplomacy. I would like to ask about the 43 missing defence personnel. Sir, time and again when you have been in the Chair, they promised us that they would look into the matter. Nothing has been done. I want to know if there is any Pakistan defence personnel in Indian jails and whether we are ready for exchange of the people...

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: There are no Pakistani defence personnel in our jails and it is not correct that there has been any failure of our diplomacy. On the contrary, our diplomacy has proved to be very successful in getting the people released...

MR. CHAIRMAN : Question Hour over. After the Question Hour is over, even the Minister cannot continue.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Computerisation in banks

*166. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether computerisation is being gradually introduced in different operations in banks;

(b) if so, whether a fear is being expressed by the employees of banks that they will be gradually replaced by computers and they will become unemployed;

(c) whether the whole matter has been examined; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to safeguard the interests of the bank employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (d) Public Sector Banks have a programme of introduction of computers and machines in their offices and branches in a phased manner. The objective of computerisation in the Indian context, are to improve customer service and to speedily balance books and reconcile inter-branches accounts so as to prevent frauds. The programme of computerisation has been so designed as to ensure that there is no retrenchment of staff, and bank employees have been given a firm commitment in this regard. The fear expressed by some bank employees that they will become unemployed is totally misplaced.

Rise in wholesale price index

*167 SHRI M S. GURUPADASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the wholesale price index has risen by 1.6 per cent during the first six weeks of the current financial year;